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**EXHIBIT 13**

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

3 SURGICAL INSTRUMENT )

4 SERVICE COMPANY, INC. ) Civil Action No.:

5 Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant ) 3:21-cv-03496-VC

6 Vs. )

7 INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC., )

8 Defendant/Counterclaimant )

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BY MR. VAN HOVEN

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1 MS. CAHOY: Objection to form.

2 BY MR. VAN HOVEN:

3 Q. That's something that's possible?

4 A. You would need to have a system set up to  
5 allow for that.

6 Q. Is the -- to your knowledge, is the use  
7 counter value that's stored on a CryptoRF chip in  
8 an Xi EndoWrist, is that value stored in -- in an  
9 encrypted form?

10 A. My understanding is that -- you said on  
11 an EndoWrist X/Xi. My understanding is that that  
12 value along with some other values are encrypted on  
13 that -- on those devices.

14 Q. What type of encryption is used for that?  
15 (Whereupon, there was a pause for  
16 document examination.)

17 THE WITNESS: I don't think that's  
18 entirely clear from what I have seen.

19 BY MR. VAN HOVEN:

20 Q. So, you don't know what type of  
21 encryption is used for the use counter on the Xi

1 EndoWrist; is that right?

2 A. I think that's right. The evidence that  
3 I have seen has been conflicting on that front and  
4 in one case incorrectly referenced SHA as a type of  
5 encryption.

6 Q. But you don't personally know what type  
7 of encryption is used for the use counter on the Xi  
8 EndoWrist, right?

9 A. I don't believe I know all of the  
10 specifics of the cryptography used to encrypt the  
11 use counter and other information on the CryptoRF  
12 chips.

13 Q. What specifics do you know of the  
14 cryptography -- cryptography used to encrypt the  
15 use counter on the Xi EndoWrists?

16 A. I know the information in the datasheet  
17 about various things that are supported with  
18 respect to cryptography on these chips.

19 Q. But you don't know what Intuitive uses  
20 within that datasheet?

21 A. I don't know what they ultimately

1 selected.

2 Q. If you were tasked to attempt to  
3 circumvent the encryption of the use counter on the  
4 Xi EndoWrist, how would you go about that?

5 MS. CAHOY: Objection to form.

6 THE WITNESS: Oh, that's like a really  
7 complicated question. I don't think I  
8 could -- that's an entire like work engagement.  
9 That would take a lot of analysis just to figure  
10 out how to even approach the problem.

11 BY MR. VAN HOVEN:

12 Q. But let's just assume that you have  
13 access to the Atmel CryptoRF chip that has a use  
14 counter value on it that is encrypted, okay?

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. In that, you can either physically or  
17 wirelessly communicate with the chip?

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. And that you have the datasheet that  
20 tells you the types of encryption that's  
21 implemented, --



1 A. Um-hum.

2 Q. -- right? And you -- you have that  
3 datasheet, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So, given that information based on your  
6 15 to 20 years of information security experience,  
7 as a general approach, how would you go about  
8 trying to circumvent the encryption on the use  
9 counter within an Atmel CryptoRF chip?

10 A. So, I -- I just haven't done that  
11 analysis.

12 Q. I understand. I'm -- but you're here to  
13 testify as an expert in the area of information  
14 security and I just want to understand the general  
15 approach you would take.

16 MS. CAHOY: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: Right. So, the problem is  
18 it's a specific problem for a specific chip, and I  
19 would need to do a good amount of legwork to figure  
20 out what that approach would be. I haven't done  
21 that legwork, so I don't know what my approach

1 would be.

2 BY MR. VAN HOVEN:

3 Q. What type of legwork is typically  
4 involved in trying to attack that sort of problem?

5 A. I would need to spend some time thinking  
6 about it.

7 Q. So, time is one piece of -- one part of  
8 that legwork?

9 A. I don't think time is what I would call  
10 part of any legwork. Time is just a resource that  
11 you need to have to do anything.

12 In the absence of any time at all,  
13 everything would stand still, right? So, it's not  
14 clear what that means.

15 Q. I'm not talking about us getting close to  
16 the speed of light or anything here, but I'm just  
17 trying to understand, you said that there would be  
18 legwork. And I'm just trying to, what is -- what  
19 is the kind of legwork that -- that you're  
20 envisioning to attack the problem of circumventing  
21 the encryption as we've described on the Atmel

1     CryptoRF chip?

2             A.     Sure.     So, the -- the truth is  
3     that's -- that's complicated, and I haven't really  
4     thought about it.

5             Q.     But you'd have to think about it a little  
6     bit, right?

7             A.     Yes, I would have to think about that.

8             Q.     You'd have to look at the datasheet?

9             A.     Certainly, looking at the datasheet would  
10    be a part of any legwork.

11            Q.     You would have to --

12            A.     That would be true.

13            Q.     Excuse me.    You would have to perform  
14    some sort of direct electrical or in -- indirect  
15    communication channel probing of the chip probably?

16            MS. CAHOY:   Objection to form.

17            THE WITNESS:   At -- at some stage in the  
18    process, you would need to connect to the chip, but  
19    I haven't really thought about when or how that  
20    would occur.    So, I don't have any more insight  
21    into that.

1 BY MR. VAN HOVEN:

2 Q. Do you think that the encryption employed  
3 by the CryptoRF chip is particularly complicated  
4 compared to the sort of encryption you typically  
5 have worked with?

6 A. I don't have an opinion on that.

7 Q. You don't know one way or the other?

8 A. I would need to investigate it more to  
9 figure it out.

10 Q. And you understand or do you have an  
11 understanding that, that the use counter value at  
12 some point is transmitted from the EndoWrist to the  
13 robot?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you know if that value is transmitted  
16 in that encrypted form or if it's decrypted before  
17 it's transmitted?

18 A. I understand the value to be encrypted  
19 when it's transmitted.

20 Q. What's the basis of that understanding?

21 A. My understanding is from the datasheet

1 counting data areas of the RFID tag are one-time  
2 programmable.

3 That means they can be -- not be modified  
4 once written. Though, of course, they could be  
5 decremented, which is an important point.

6 And so it reads to me that Intuitive  
7 documents state that the data is encrypted both at  
8 rest and in motion.

9 BY MR. VAN HOVEN:

10 Q. And your opinion in that regard is based  
11 solely on those documents, right?

12 MS. CAHOY: Objection to form.

13 THE WITNESS: I can also see that the  
14 datasheet supports those configurations.

15 BY MR. VAN HOVEN:

16 Q. As far as the encryption while the -- and  
17 here I'm talking specifically about the  
18 communications between the Xi EndoWrist and the Xi  
19 robot.

20 As far as the encryption while the data  
21 is at motion -- in motion, what would be your

1 approach to try -- if you were trying to circumvent  
2 that encryption?

3 A. Well, that's -- again, that's sort of the  
4 same problem as trying to reverse engineer or break  
5 the chip and -- as whole, right?

6 If I could circumvent that communication,  
7 then I would know how -- if I knew how to do that,  
8 I would know how to break the communication  
9 protocol, so it's the same issue. I don't -- I  
10 haven't performed that analysis. I don't know.

11 Q. But -- but that is your -- your primary  
12 area of expertise and study over the last 20 years,  
13 right?

14 A. Yes, I've done many of these. They  
15 always require a very thorough set of, you know,  
16 thoughts and research and legwork before you can  
17 really come up with an approach, and I haven't done  
18 that. I haven't done that part of what my normal  
19 practice would be.

20 Q. Yeah. So, if you were to approach a  
21 problem like this in your normal practice, what

1 sort of legwork would you need to perform?

2 A. Right. So, I would need to look at the  
3 individual issues at play, and I would need to look  
4 at the product and how it's designed. Let me just  
5 think about it and come up with an approach, and  
6 that would kind of let me determine what legwork I  
7 need to do to then -- so, I would need to think  
8 about what I would need to know. Then I would need  
9 to think about from what I needed to know, I would  
10 know that -- learn that information and figure out  
11 from that what I would do to attack.

12 So, it's a multi-step process, and I  
13 haven't performed even the first step yet is the  
14 problem.

15 Q. You just haven't examined that for the Xi  
16 EndoWrist, right?

17 A. That's right. Yeah, I haven't performed  
18 an analysis of what would be required to break the  
19 device.

20 I reviewed Mr. Humphrey's analysis. I  
21 saw that wouldn't work, but I haven't performed an